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In re Application of:

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ADJUSTABLE GASTRIC BAND

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sirs:

In an attempt to fully comply with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant wishes to bring to the attention of the U.S. Patent Office the references listed on the attached Form 1449. The Examiner is requested to initial the enclosed Form PTO-1449 and return a copy thereof to the undersigned.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant reserves the right to dispute any of the listed documents as prior art during examination. Further, Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would help further the prosecution of this case, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the listed telephone number.

Very truly yours,

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